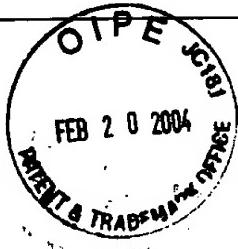


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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Docket Number (Optional)  
**1915/13971US04**In re the Application of  
**Grooms, James, et al.**Application Number  
**09/905,683**Filed  
**07/13/01**For  
**Multi-Component Cortical Bone Assembled Implant  
(As Amended)**Group Art Unit  
**3738**Examiner  
**Bruce Edward Snow**

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows  
(check time period desired):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))              | \$ _____           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))             | \$ _____           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))           | \$ _____           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) | \$ <b>1,480.00</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))            | \$ _____           |

- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_.
- A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
- The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.
- The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 13-0017. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

I am the  applicant/inventor

- assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.  
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).
- attorney or agent of record. Registration Number 32,167
- attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a).  
Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a) \_\_\_\_\_

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Date

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NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.

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